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### Miss Moten Objects

IS NOT THE BEE A FRIEND OF THE TEACHER?

Did Not The Bee Defend Miss Moten When Her Enemies Tried to Remove Her?

Mr. William Calvin Chase, Editor of The Bee.

1109 I street northwest.  
My Dear Sir: Your circular letter asking for subscribers has been received.

Your paper does very little for our school other than find fault with the principal and print the unfavorable criticism of her enemies. Why, then, should you expect either my financial or moral support?

I believe that your paper could be a power for good in this community if you would investigate allegations against those whose whole life is sacredly devoted to the uplift and upbuilding of the race before you publish statements detrimental or annoying to a sensitive and refined nature.

Washingtonians should stand shoulder to shoulder in the many battles which we are forced to fight, in our home, but instead we are our own worst enemies. It is always painful for me to be obliged to do or say anything uncomplimentary of one of our own.

We have power in our hands if we would only stand together. I believe in living a strictly correct life, doing unto others as we would have them do unto us, and leaving the rest to God. I fear no man.

Our school is doing a grand work for the race, and it would be a very real help if we had some very fair and just paper in which we might send very interesting and always instructive articles. No school in the country is duplicating the work done here for the refining and elevating of our young women; we are giving them every opportunity for the development of high ideals of conduct as well as of teaching as a profession. I invite your inspection.

Our Home and School Association is about a grand work and gives every evidence of accomplishing some very desirable reforms in the future. Why won't you throw your influence in with them? Friday night, Feb. 17, Hon. A. Grimké will give his lecture on Fred. Douglass, and the students are preparing a nice musical program. I stand ready and willing to help you when your paper represents what is best in us and ceases to magnify our smallest defects. "There is much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it all comes any of us to find fault with the rest of us."

Yours for the best of us,  
LUCY E. MOTEN.

Feb. 14, 1911.

Howard University.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Howard University was held Tuesday in the Board Room of the Carnegie Library. Justice Job Barnard, President Thirkield, Chief Justice Stanton J. Belle, Mr. W. V. Cox, Justice George W. Atkinson, Dr. John R. Francis, Rev. Dr. Charles H. Richards, of New York; Dr. F. C. Grimké, Mr. John T. Emlen, of Philadelphia; Mr. J. Doull Miller, of New York; President E. M. Gallaudet, Dr. J. N. Waring and Dr. Marcus Wheatland, of Newport, R. I.

There are more than 600 students receiving regular instruction in physics, chemistry and biology in the new Science Hall, four professors and three regular instructors giving their entire time to the work of science instruction, besides seven student assistants.

The Rev. Dr. Pezavia O'Connell, of Salisbury, Md., was unanimously elected to the Chair of Church History and Scripture Exegesis made vacant by the death of Dr. John L. Ewell, who for 20 years held that chair. Dr. O'Connell is a man of unusual scholarship, Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania, where he took his degree, stating: "He has the mind and method of a real investigator, and I am satisfied that he will make additions to our knowledge of the Old Testament. He has also a most lucid and happy manner of exposition, and I cannot imagine any better fortune for aspirants to knowledge in a seminary than to come into contact with such a man." President Francis Brown, of the Union Theological Seminary, speaks of him as a "scholar of remarkable ability and a gentleman of cultivation and personal attractiveness."

It was announced that Dr. Ewell had left a bequest of \$1,000 for the school of theology.

The position in the school of law made vacant by the death of Mr. Thomas P. Woodward, who for eight years had been a lecturer on the law of real estate, was not filled. On recommendation of the Dean, Mr. George Francis Williams, one of the professors, was appointed to temporarily fill the chair for the remainder of the year.

The report of the Treasurer showed the institution without debt. The

budget for the year, however, reveals the fact that only by the most rigid economy can a deficit be avoided, on account of the large increase of students and the enlargement of the teaching force.

The rapid increase of Y. M. C. A. buildings for colored men in the North and South has made a demand for a training school for secretaries. At the urgent request of the International Y. M. C. A. Committee, the Board authorized the opening of a Y. M. C. A. Training School, the work to be provided for by the present teaching force in the school of theology and college, with assistance from the officers of the Central Y. M. C. A., and from the two International Secretaries for colored work who are located in Washington.

The opening next year of a library school for the training of librarians, who are now in demand in the colleges, academies and cities of the country, was authorized, to be conducted by the present force of the Carnegie Library.

The demand for definite courses of study in the applied sciences to meet the demand for trained colored men in electrical, civil and mechanical engineering, was presented, and the Board authorized the enlargement of these courses in connection with the school of manual arts and applied sciences for next year.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Justice Job Barnard, President Thirkield, Chief Justice Stanton J. Belle, Mr. W. V. Cox, Justice George W. Atkinson, Dr. John R. Francis, Rev. Dr. Charles H. Richards, of New York; Dr. F. C. Grimké, Mr. John T. Emlen, of Philadelphia; Mr. J. Doull Miller, of New York; President E. M. Gallaudet, Dr. J. N. Waring and Dr. Marcus Wheatland, of Newport, R. I.

George F. Collins.

One of the most polished members of the bar and a man who no doubt would be a good successor to the late Mr. Woodward is Mr. George F. Collins, of the local bar. He is a young man of ability and refinement and would no doubt reflect credit on his profession in the law department of Howard University. Mr. Collins is not only an able young lawyer, but a hard-working one.



GEORGE F. COLLINS, ATTORNEY.

It is not known what the Trustees of the university will do when the appointment of a successor to Mr. Woodward is finally considered. He has the respect of the bench and the confidence of the members of the bar, irrespective of color. The Bee, as well as the people, would be glad to see this young man elevated.

REV. NORMAN TO TRUE REFORMERS.

Chief Griffin's Great Work—The Order Will Be Restored to Its Former Greatness.

Rev. M. W. D. Norman, D. D., Sunday at the Metropolitan Baptist Church preached a sermon to more than 2,000 people. The great audience seemed to have been ready to render any aid in its power to help restore the Order to its former place.

Mr. William L. Houston, the Past Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, delivered an address in defense of the True Reformers, which stirred the great audience to the highest degree of enthusiasm. He said, in part:

"The failure of the True Reformers would sound a death knell to the Odd Fellows, Fishermen, Free Masons, and all other Negro concerns."

W. R. Griffin, the District Chief, made a short address, which was well received by the audience, also making a report of the Rosebud Convention in behalf of the delegates who had just returned from Philadelphia, Pa.

More than 50 delegates from Washington will leave here next Monday morning at 10 a. m. to attend the extra session at Richmond, Va. More than \$2,000 have been paid out in death claims since Jan. 1, 1911, in the District of Columbia.

Testimonial to Prof. Layton.

The friends of Prof. J. T. Layton are contemplating tendering him a substantial testimonial at the Howard Theater some time in May. Some of the best local talent have volunteered to take part. Prof. Layton has rendered valuable service to the people of this city, and many of his admirers have decided to give him a testimonial. Full particulars later on.



MR. EMMETT J. SCOTT

### Public Men And Things

(By the Sage of the Potomac.)

I attended a whitt gathering a few evenings ago, and the name of Jerry Johnson, otherwise known as Jerome A. Johnson, came up. Jerry has seen many a happy day. He belongs to the Bob Thompson class. His name will be written in the book of social fame. There was a time when the name of Jerry was as popular as Tom and Jerry. He organized the Men's Club at St. Luke's Church. It is said that his object in organizing this club was to keep the young men around and about him in his declining years. When we know that we must die, the departing is not so hard when you are surrounded by your old and young friends.

Someone was asking for Henry E. Baker some time ago. He had some funds to invest in a building association and as he (Baker) is authority on such corporations, concluded it was best to consult Brother Baker. Talking about investments, there is no one in this city who can outstep Mr. Baker. He can put your funds where the world cannot find them. That is investing some, don't you think so? He has been struggling hard to raise \$100 to place a portrait of the late John M. Langston in the library of Howard University. The committee that had this matter in charge was composed of Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, Chairman; my friend Durand, Secretary and W. Calvin Chase, Chairman of the Executive Committee. The members were Prof. George M. Cook, of Howard University; Prof. Kelly Miller, and others. If the committee had been anxious for the portrait it certainly would have contributed the necessary funds. I understand that Fernando Lee intends to have that portrait placed in the library of Howard University.

The law students of Howard University are very much dissatisfied with one of the colored professors, and at any moment there is liable to be a walkout. It would be well for President Thirkield to conduct a quiet investigation on his own account.

Speaking of the law school, I understand that there were a few disappointed barristers when the Trustee Board named a white man to succeed late Mr. Woodward. A few are divided on this appointment. One colored professor, who seemed to doubt his own ability, thought that it required a teacher on real property to be an experienced person and one well versed in law. He doubted that any of the colored applicants were competent to fill the position. This doesn't speak very well for the Negro legal profession, does it? Perhaps this particular individual was sneaking for himself, and not for the Negro legal profession. Mr. Williams, who was recommended by Dean Layton, came along with other students, and he certainly did not show any remarkable degree of brilliancy. He was in the same class with Judge Robert H. Terrell. Judge Terrell was the valdicatorian of his class. I don't think that he succeeded in grasping more law on real property than Judge Terrell, because the Judge is making a brilliant record as a judicial officer.

It may be that by virtue of Mr. Williams' being a white man and having been a clerk in Dean Layton's office may account for the appointment. If the Negro lawyer is not given an opportunity to develop his legal ability, how can he learn?

Anditor Ralph W. Tyler has not been seen in and around headquarters. I asked Charlie Barnes for him the other day, but Charlie didn't seem to know. I sauntered up to Gray's, thinking that I would catch him at lunch. It was about lunch time, and I felt a bit hungry. I left every cent I had in my desk drawer, and knowing that Ralph is never broke or short of cash at any time, my intention was to have him stand for Ralph. There is nothing short about Ralph. This reminds me of an incident that occurred a few months ago. Judge Terrell and his friend Dancy had a heated discussion over the payment of a 15-cent lunch. It was compromised by both paying for their own lunch. I seldom see the two dromedians together now. Dancy has gone into the theater business, or rather he has taken up the work that a white man left undone. Dancy says that he means to make the enterprise a success.

Mr. W. Sidney Pittman is always in an unhappy mood. He is never contented in heart and mind. Sidney was First Vice President of the Lincoln Arcade. I hope that his \$1,000 option on those number of shares has no string to it. Sidney is very fond of indorsing notes. The last one that he indorsed will keep a tab on his bank account for two or three years. He believes in helping a man in hard luck, even if he has to foot the bill.

Some people have a poor opinion of preachers. I have the most exalted opinion of the pulpit. I have attended the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church frequently, and I am generally edified when I hear Dr. Walter H. Brooks. He speaks without manuscript, and he is one of the most eloquent pulpit orators in the city. I have always thought, and indeed, I was more impressed some few Sundays ago, when I heard the reverend gentleman read about a dozen church notices. I would dispense with such reading and have all notices posted in case in the vestibule of the church. I go to church to listen to a good sermon, and not to listen to church notices. If Dr. Brooks would only lower his eloquence when in one of his flights, it would have the same effect. This reminds me of Rev. Norman. He grows very eloquent at times, but his flights are a little too high and a little too loud at times. An effective minister is moderate in his delivery. He can carry his audience before him when he is moderate and calm. A good minister loses his force when he confines himself strictly to manuscript. Now, Dr. Grimké is a most excellent minister, and a man of high intellectual ability, but his one failure is his close attention to his manuscript. A minister who is inspired by the holy ghost needs no manuscript.

Capt. J. W. Lyons is in the city looking after the interest of the depositors of the Freedmen's Savings Bank. The Captain is chaperoned by Barney McKee. The Captain says that Barney possesses great virtues. Then, the great thing that the Captain is doing is he is not charging the depositors a cent, although he expects to realize for them nearly \$4,000. Now, isn't that patriotism? The Captain remarked a few days ago that he had spent over a thousand dollars of his own money and he has not accepted a penny from a single person. I wonder if his chaperon can say as much. Barney always looks after the filthy lucre. Barney always works for his health, and no one knows this better than the gentlemanly Charlie at headquarters.

Ex-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback's official occupation is not at an end. The Governor is a thoroughbred, and it doesn't take one long to see that he is. There is something better in store for him. If you have never heard the Governor relate his political experience in the South, you should do so. He is one man who knows how to talk to President Taft.

C. Y. W. C. A. Mass Meeting.

At the mass meeting of the C. Y. W. C. A., at Metropolitan Church last Sunday, there were a large audience and some good speeches. Mrs. Francis, President of the C. Y. W. C. A., presided, and told something of the work of the Association.

Miss Brown, Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., being sick, was unable to be present, and Dr. Ada Thomas, Vice President of the Association, brought her greetings and made a very helpful talk on the opportunity for work here in Washington.

Mr. L. E. Johnson, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., very enthusiastically expressed the willingness of the young

men to co-operate with the women in their efforts for social betterment. There were a number of the Y. M. C. A. present, and they arose in the audience, where they sat, and whistled "I need Thee every hour." The Y. M. C. A. Orchestra played "Sanctus," and added greatly to the program by accompanying the congregational singing. Miss Marie James and the Metropolitan choir sang beautifully.

Mrs. W. A. Hutton, wife of the International Y. M. C. A. Secretary, was sent from New York by the National Y. W. C. A. Board as their representative, and brought greetings from Miss Grace Dodge, President of the Board, and an expression of her interest in the work here. This Board has sent to the college associations a General Secretary, but has not yet given aid to our city organizations. It is hoped that soon we shall have the same affiliation with the National body as does the Y. M. C. A. We have at present 54 college organizations, and only eight city. New York City Y. W. C. A. is soon to have a \$15,000 building. Miss Jackson, formerly of Howard University, is its Secretary. Mrs. Hutton is a very pleasing and effective speaker.

Mr. William Knowles Cooper, General Y. M. C. A. Secretary, in his speech, brought into the meeting that feeling of human touch and spirit of Christian enthusiasm which have done so much for the Y. M. C. A. work. He referred to the large percentage of people in a city who are in the business of corrupting morals and the various lines of work open to Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. organizations to offset these influences.

Miss Merritt, Chairman of the C. Y. W. C. A. Building Fund Committee, spoke of the new home and plans for raising \$6,000 to pay for it. A contribution in donations and pledges of nearly \$200 was made at the meeting. There were seated upon the rostrum Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Rosetta A. Lanson, Mrs. B. K. Bruce, Mrs. Julia Mason Layton, Mrs. Anna Murray and Mrs. R. L. Pendleton, heads of various organizations in the city, who were present to express their hearty co-operation in the work being done by the C. Y. W. C. A., but the time was too short for more speeches.

### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

A Large Meeting Last Sunday.

One of the most interesting Christian Endeavor meetings of the winter was held at the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church last Sunday, when Mrs. G. C. Campbell spoke to the society and visitors concerning missionary work in Africa. Mrs. Campbell, with her husband, spent over five years in the wilds of Africa, and her talk, full of interest and advice, was warmly received by those present.

One of the interesting experiences which Mrs. Campbell told was one concerning the son of an African chief. The Christianizing of this chief and his immense family (for polygamy is practiced in Africa) seemed a task impossible for the missionaries to perform. After Mrs. Campbell and her husband had been in Africa for several years the husband became afflicted with the dreadful African fever. To get him out of the country was the only means of saving his life. This African chief, hearing that the missionaries would return to the States, persuaded them to take his son on the voyage with them, in order that when he returned he "could spend the rest of his days telling his father of his experiences. This they did, and when Mr. Campbell had sufficiently recovered they returned with the boy to Africa. Sad to say, however, the son died after being on his native soil a short while. One peculiar trait of the African is the habit of muttering in his language the word "darkness." This son of the chief, however, continually muttered in his language the word "light" (for he had embraced the Christian religion) before his death. This made the chief and his entire family stare in amazement. In fact, so impressed were they by the cause of muttering of the chief's son that they requested Mr. and Mrs. Campbell to reserve the church for the family only. Although against the custom, the missionaries consented. The result was that this whole tribe, after listening to the gospel in the burial service, embraced the religion and thereafter became staunch followers of the church.

The speaker made a special appeal for aid, both financially and personally, in the missionary field. Without help, the speaker said, the work can not be successfully carried on.

Because of the return of the African fever, which overcame her husband, Mrs. Campbell was compelled to sail for the United States. She is now principal of the Ingleside School for Girls and Young Women at Burkeville, Va.

The meeting next Sunday at 5 o'clock tends to be filled with interest and enthusiasm. Mrs. M. B. Heath (the Heath has recently been attached) deserves the highest praise for the service she is rendering and the interesting and instructive programs which are presented each Sunday.

### Show Authority.

Persons who are going around the city holding themselves out as advertising agents or representatives of The Bee should be required to show their credentials. There are several impostors soliciting for this paper who have no authority. The public is warned.

Don't fail to get the latest edition of the McCall's Magazine if you wish the latest styles for spring clothing.

### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

George Z. Harris, colored, of Baltimore, Md., who bought some land near Fairmont, Md., has discovered oil on it. And it is thought the land will yield 100 barrels daily. Mr. Harris is a cook and bought the land very reasonable.

A bill has been introduced in the Alabama Legislature to appropriate \$10,000 toward maintaining a reformatory for colored boys. The institution has been already organized, bought and paid for, by the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. The Legislature is asked to take charge and provide the annual expenses.

Mrs. Zereida Samuels, 80 years old, mother of Frank and Jesse James, the bandits, died near Oklahoma City, Okla.

President Taft and the United States Supreme Court were strongly denounced by the Council of Confederate Colored Bishops from all parts of the country. Bishop B. F. Lee, of Wilberforce, Ohio, and Bishop H. M. Turner were the principal speakers.

Judge Campbell, of the United States Court, holds that Oklahoma's grandfather clause violates the fifteenth amendment, and is therefore void. He also said the clear purpose of the law was to disfranchise the colored Americans.

It is said Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois, John E. Millholland and Dr. Felix Adler had a confidential chat with President Taft last week. The secret has not as yet been unveiled.

In Nashville, Tenn., the Negro Knights of Pythias lost suit. Chancellor Allison decided against them, holding that they have no right to the name, regalia, badges, etc. The case will be taken to the Supreme Court. Thirty thousand dollars has been bequeathed to Tuskegee Institute by Henry Reddings, colored, of Sioux City, Iowa, who died without relatives.

It is said Mr. W. Sidney Pittman issued a call for all Tuskegeans to meet at 609 F street northwest, where a Tuskegee Alumni Association was formed.

The largest egg in the world, eighty times the size of an ordinary hen's egg, is one of the latest acquisitions in the museum in New York. The egg is 400 years old, and is two feet two inches around its shortest circumference, and is popularly known in Madagascar, whence it came.

The State of Virginia gave \$20,000 for the Colored Normal and Industrial Institute, and \$24,000 was given by the students.

I wish to congratulate the editor of the Cadiz Informer on his 68th birthday, March 9. Ah, good and faithful one, we wish you many more years of usefulness.

February seems to be the month of many illustrious births—Horace Greeley, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. It is good to be born in February.

At the complimentary dinner given to the Hon. Nathan Straus, Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Customs in New York City, is among those prominently mentioned. There were about 400 present.

Bert Williams, the famous comedian, gave \$100 toward a movement to have colored policemen and firemen in New York. He was followed by James Boley, who also gave \$100. The movement is pushed by both Republicans and Democrats.

The South joined the North in observing the centennial of the birth of President Lincoln. For the first time in the history of the city of New Orleans, the city celebrated the natal day of Lincoln in appropriate manner. Banks were all closed at noon and exercises were held in the schools.

Prof. W. E. B. Du Bois, in speaking before the Twentieth Century Club, said that by the segregation of the colored race the United States is sowing the seeds of a civil war, and the race feeling was on the increase and would mean trouble if not stopped.

Catholics have decided to raise their voices against divorce. One hundred thousand Catholics of Boston have indorsed the resolution condemning divorces at the recent meeting of the Federations of Catholic Societies in Boston.

Miss Pearl Morris has been awarded \$15,000 damages by a jury against the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad because she was compelled to ride from Vicksburg to New York last November with three colored bishops. The case will be brought, if necessary, to the Supreme Court by the railroad.

Mr. William H. Flood, who was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and the first to reach his side after his assassination, died at his home in this city on the 102d anniversary of his birth.

The conferees on the legislative appropriation bill are still at odds on increasing the salary of the Secretary to the President from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per year.

A joint resolution passed by Congress, authorizing the reinstatement at West Point of the nine cadets who were dismissed for hazing, was vetoed by President Taft.

The latest anesthetic in operating for appendicitis is lukewarm water. This has been used at Johns Hopkins Hospital with great success, according to a statement of a surgeon of national reputation.

Fifty women, mounted and well drilled, led a parade of 2,000 in Kissimmee, Fla., Lincoln's birthday. A thousand former Union soldiers were in line; also several hundred school children.